

**CITY OF RUSHVILLE PARKS & RECREATION MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2004**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**Call to Order:** The Parks & Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville. President Tracey Phillips called the meeting to order. Members present were Jack Harmon, Wilma Jo Kile, Tim Shuppert, Denny Corn and Charlie Brown.  
Also present was Parks Director Danny Mathews, Attorney Julie Newhouse, Pool Manager Anita Carfield and Secretary Carla Sharpe.

**Minutes:** April 13, 2004 minutes was presented for approval. Kile moved to approve last month's minutes. Harmon seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

**Reports:** Mathews reported that he will be draining the pool for clean up and to check the floor. The pool does have to be drained because of the leaves. Hates to loose the water but needs cleaned. From what he can see as of now the pool looks pretty good. Last year it wasn't like that. We had cracks.  
Quality coating said the paint would last 3-4 years and so far things look good this year. Maybe a few touch up's.  
Mathews said he has full intentions of the pool being full of water by May 1<sup>st</sup>, have the first water sample by May 18<sup>th</sup> and be ready to open pool on Memorial Day.  
Mathews stated the wall is done and now he will hire a company to come and check out the pool heater.  
The wall turned out well and thanked Corn and his staff for being so speedy. Feels this was money well spent.

Shared with the board that last weekends Easter Egg Hunt in the park was a huge success and thanked Sharpe and the Mayor for helping pass out the mics.

Reported they are hitting the grass pretty hard.

Announced that the Parks department did received \$2,000 from the Rush County Community Foundation and \$2,000 from Rush Shelby Energy Grants. With what money he rolled over last year and the grant money, he now has enough money to widen the walking trail.  
Mathews stated he is looking forward to it happening. Feels this will be really nice when done.  
Thanked everyone and said there was so much support from so many.

Reported that he had asked Corn for a material list to build an open shelter next to the Park Restaurant over the big green table. Corn has volunteered to furnish the labor free to build the shelter.  
Mathews said that he has also considered putting the open shelter in Community Park off of Ft. Wayne Road.  
Shuppert said he has noticed people driving through the park a lot and wondered why?  
Mathews said he is aware of the situation and needs to get it stopped. He feels the only ones that should be driving through the park are the Police, Coke-Cola, himself, his staff and the trash men. He will tell them to drive along the fence from now on.  
Shuppert wondered if we should put an asphalt drive through the park.  
Mathews stated no he would hate to see a road put in there.  
Shuppert suggested putting a pull off so far in the park.  
Mathews suggested maybe planting evergreens to stop the traffic. The least traffic that goes through there the better.  
Kile encouraged the use of Community Park and feels the open shelter should be placed there. She would love to have one by the Park Restaurant but thinks Community Park would be the best place now.  
Kile said it's important to improve all parks.  
Corn thinks Community Park will be very busy when Youth Football starts and feels the open shelter there will be used a great deal.  
The material list totaled \$1,463.70 with donated labor.  
Kile moved to take the money out of the Non Reverting Fund to build the open shelter in Community Park. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried.  
The board thanked Corn for donating the labor to build the open shelter.  
Kile then stated she feels that Corn deserves a Friend of the Park Award.

Phillips stated he wanted to clear something up at this time. He received a call from Sharpe concerning a phone vote to hire an employee before this scheduled meeting. He said he realizes those things were done in the past but with the holiday he feels there wasn't much work to do in those two days before the meeting and just feels better if things are done the official way.

Mathews said he went to the Board of Works and was told the Parks Board needed to hire his employees and as the work was piling up didn't want to wait until the next Parks Board meeting and if he could get permission on the phone from the Parks Board members he would have had him start immediately.

Again, Phillips stated that was nothing against Mathews as he just felt it could have waited for a couple more days.

Shuppert suggested that in the future we hire a month ahead of time with a pending date to start that way we won't be without employees when it is time for the work to start.

Mathews reported that the donated truck from the Utilities is done and looks real good. A Community Service worker sanded the truck and John Painter painted it. It looks good!

Mathews said we are very fortunate to have gotten the truck.

He purchased a new radio for the truck for his employees in case they need to contact the Police, Fire or Medivac. This was the biggest expense he has put in the truck.

Phillips told Mathews again how much he is appreciated.

Mathews said he is also very fortunate to have employees return as they are trustworthy and very hard workers.

**Claims:** Reviewed prior to meeting by Harmon and Brown. Harmon moved to approve the claims for the month. Brown seconded. Motion carried. Claims approved.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Discuss Pool Issue** – Newhouse stated we don't have a signed contract.

Newhouse stated she has talked to Sue Beasley of the Bond Council and has written the previous attorney and no one seems to have one.

Sharpe reported that she has contacted previous Parks Board Members, John Gridley, Roy Bartlett, Greg Raika and George Coons and none of them can come up with a signed contract either.

Corn stated then what we have to do to repair the pool we have to do ourselves.

Newhouse stated that Butler Fairman gave us a ball park figure of around \$67,000 to fix the existing problem.

Mathews stated that Butler Fairman felt that there were not enough expansion joints.

Mathews then asked Corn if we drilled and put in epoxy would that cause the cracks to move more?

Corn said it would make it worse. If anything make the control joints where they should have been and that will help.

Mathews then asked if this can be done in stages?

Shuppert and Corn both said they truly feel we can fix this in stages.

Shuppert suggested asking the Engineering firm what should be done first.

Brown asked if the mushroom water feature was ever going to work again?

Mathews stated it don't look good. That is where he discovered we were losing all of our water at. We were losing 3,000 to 5,000 gallons a day.

Harmon suggested looking at plans and try to get the mushroom going.

Mathews is to get the drawings to Shuppert and he will look them over.

Mathews stated the hanging heater that runs through the winter in the chlorine room is pretty well ate up and we need a new one. He will replace it.

Sharpe stated she received a phone call from Janice Holland who is the Executive Director for Domestic Violence. They are asking permission to use the Memorial Park Shelter house to have a fundraiser for Domestic Violence to hold a Haunted House at Halloween.

Brown made a motion to deny their request to use the Memorial Park Shelter for a Haunted House to make money as a fundraiser for Domestic Violence.

**New Business:** **Rush County Community Foundation – Grant Award Report** – No one was present to award check at this time.

**Pool Manager Anita Carfield – Pool update and employee list** – Carfield stated that she and Kopf went to Richmond for pool in-service. This was a free course that Reno Gosser suggested they attend. They found the in-service to be very helpful.

Carfield said that she and Kopf have been very busy working on the summer calendar and interviewing for concession and lifeguard positions and recommended the following people to be employed for positions at the Waggener Community Pool for the summer of 2004.

**Assistant Manager** – Rita Kaster

The following guards are returning from last year:

**Head Lifeguards** – Jonathon Bitner  
Andrew Carfield

Whittney Green  
Dominique Miller  
**Lifeguards -** Katie Gordon  
Jessica Keller  
Georgia Osborne

**The following guards pending certification:**  
Katie Alspaugh  
Keith Brashaber  
Kayla Gentry  
Jake Marsh  
Sheree Shields  
Megan Turner  
Ryan Woods

**Returning in the Concessions:**  
Lance Connolly

**New to the Concessions:**  
Penny Bockover  
Lauren Kopf  
Rachel Pritchett  
Nathan Talbott  
Billy Wood

If everything goes as planned, **Opening Day will be Monday, May 31.**  
The pool will be **closed for the season Sunday, August 15.**  
**Adult Swim** will be on Tuesdays from 6:15-7:15 beginning June 8.  
**Family Night** will be on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15 beginning June 9.  
**Pool Parties** - We will begin scheduling Pool Parties on opening day, May 31. Pool parties will be from 7-9 and can be scheduled through closing day on August 15.  
**Swim Lessons** – Will be given in the evenings on June 7, 10, 11, 14, 17, & 18. I will begin scheduling these lessons the week of May 24 from my home. Morning swim lessons will be the weeks of July 5-9 and July 12-16. We will begin scheduling these lessons after the June lessons are over.  
**P.E. Classes** – The Rush County Schools will be renting the pool for the weeks of June 21-25 and June 28-July 2 for the summer school P.E. classes.  
**Fair Week** – The pool will close at 4:00 P.M. during fair week, June 20-26.  
**Raymond Gibson Day** – (Free Admission) will be Sunday, July 18.  
**Prices** – Remaining the same as last year.  
**Family season pass** - \$90.00  
**Adult season pass** - \$60.00  
**Child season pass** - \$30.00  
**Adult (18 and up) daily admission** - \$2.50  
**Child (0-17) daily admission** - \$1.25  
**Adult and Family Swim** \$1.00 (Season passes are not good on these evenings.)  
Our mandatory in-service and cleaning day for all employees will be Saturday, May 22.  
Looking forward to a warm and fantastic summer season!

Harmon moved to approve the list of pool employees as presented. Corn seconded.  
Motion carried.  
The board thanked Carfield for her hard work.

**Hire Employees for Parks Department** – Mathews presented the following list for the Parks Department:

Return Employee's			
Weeks	Name	Start Date	Hourly Rate
25	Chas Thomas	4-14-04	\$7.25
16	Daniel Burklow	5-10-04	\$7.25
16	Courtney Cameron	5-10-04	\$7.25
New Employee's			
12	Darren Kessler	6-1-04	\$5.50
12	Patrick Hunter	6-1-04	\$5.50
12	Bobby Woods	6-1-04	\$5.50
Undetermined			
10-15 Hours per Week (Flower Gardens)			
	Kathy Brown	4-14-04	\$5.50

Harmon moved to approve the list of Parks employees as presented. Corn seconded.  
Motion carried.

**Schedule Workday for Skateboard Park** – Mathews then stated we need to set up a workday for the Skateboard Park. There is a few pieces that need to be repaired and repainted.  
Corn suggested a Community Service worker.  
Phillips stated he feels we should build another ramp.  
Brown said with the vandalism he feels we shouldn't.  
Phillips said he feels this will entice a new group to come down to the park. Maybe the first group are bored with it.  
Harmon suggested bringing someone in to teach them how to use the ramps right.

Brown said the old group of kids don't even use it; they still are using the downtown streets.  
Phillips stated he feels we need to spark new interest.  
Kile thinks we need to maintain it.  
Phillips said that skateboarding is still a popular thing.  
Sharpe will schedule a work day and let everyone know in advance.  
Harmon stated a Saturday would be best for him.

There being no further business, Brown moved to adjourn. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

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ATTEST:

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CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY